



# THE Caledonian Mercury:

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An Account of all the most considerable NEWS,  
*Foreign and Domestic.*

Edinburgh, Monday, January 27, 1724.

From the Evening Post, January 21, 1724.

Since our Last arrived one Mail from Holland and one from France,

Paris, Jan. 22.

**O**N the 8th Instant, as Workmen were digging up the Foundations of the Buildings of the Church of St. Sulpice, they found a Tomb-stone, on which was engraved an Inscription in such old Characters, that no Body has been able as yet to read them.

The King went out of Mourning the 20th Instant.

*Liverpool, Jan. 17.* We hear the Agnes, laden with Rock Salt, from Bortowstounness, was cast away near Carrikfergus in Ireland.

*London, Jan. 21.* 'Tis said the Lord Glenorchy will be recalled from Denmark, and be made one of the Lords of the Bed chamber to His Majesty, in the Room of the Earl of Harrold deceased.

At the Sessions held at Hickshall on Friday last, one William Cromwell was convicted, by his own Confession, for assaulting one Sarah Little, an Infant of about 7 Years of Age, with an Intent to abuse and carnally know her, and was sentenc'd to be whipt at a Cart's Tail, from the upper End of Long Acre, next Drury Lane, to the further End of the said Acre, until his Body be bloody, and is remanded to Newgate till he undergo the same.

Last Saturday one William Smyth, a German, was committed to Newgate, for being concerned in uttering counterfeit Bank-notes; he was apprehended upon the Information of Baron Lofdel, *alias* John Fork.

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*From the Weekly Journal.*

We are adviſed from Conſtantinople, That the Ottoman Forces in Perſia, which are now divided into three Armies, make a very quick Progreſs; the Talabor, or Maſter of the Horſe to the Sultan, arrived from thoſe Parts within theſe few Days, and brings Advice, That Haſſan Baſhaw of Bagdar, having been upon his March towards Ipahan, had already taken two conſiderable Towns in his Way, namely, Schirmanchach, and Hamedan; and, that his Son, who is Baſhaw of Beſſora, who had penetrated into Perſia by another Road, has alſo taken a conſiderable Town, called Gangia, and having left a Garriſon in it, is marching towards Ipahan. The third Army, commanded by Baſhaw Achmet, which is in Poſſeſſion of Georgia, has made it ſelf Maſter of almoſt all the Province of Schirvan; and, that they are alſo about to poſſeſs themſelves of the Province of Erivan, after which they are alſo to march to Ipahan; ſo that it is not doubted but that Capital will ſhortly be in the Poſſeſſion of the Turks.

According to theſe Advices, it looks as if the Treaty made with the Rebel Meriweys, has been no more than a Feint, and that it was done, that the Ottoman Troops might meet with no Reſiſtance upon thoſe Frontiers, which were under his Subjection, when they penetrated into Perſia: For it now appears pretty plain, that the Turks have no other Deſign than of reducing that great Empire to a Turkiſh Province, for the Ottoman Troops in their Progreſs, ſeem to hold no Communication with Meriweys; and it is ſaid, that ſince their late Succeſſes, that Rebel ſeems to be under greater Apprehenſions from their Deſigns, than thoſe of the Moſcovites: And ſome Advices aſſure us, that his Army being dwindled away to 30 Thouſand Men; he is retired from Ipahan, to the Country of Candahar, his own Principality, but not without ſtripping the Kingdom of all its Treafure.

They write from Petersburg, That Councils are held there almoſt every Day, upon the State of Affairs, at all which the Czar himſelf aſſiſts perſonally, and that Expreſſes are frequently ſent as well to Conſtantinople, as to Perſia; great Quantities of Proviſions and warlike Stores are ſent to Perſia, and it is ſaid that an Army of a Hundred Thouſand Men, will be formed upon the Frontiers of Turkey, to be commanded by Prince Menzikoff; ſo that a War ſeems unavoidable, unleſs the Czar will renounce his Alliance with the young Sophy; in which Caſe it is thought that the Ottomans will be very willing to, liſten to a Treaty of Partition.

It is adviſed from Liege, That the Party of the Elector of Cologne, is grown ſo ſtrong, that it is not doubted but he'll carry the Election, the Prince of Zaxzeits has already declined, and offered him his Interests; and it is thought that ſome other of the Competitors will do the ſame, before the Day of Election.

*Copy of a Letter writ to a great Man, upon Occaſion of the late Miſfortune of the Graveſend Tilt-boat.*

My LORD,

THE Preservation of Mens Lives travelling upon their lawful Buſineſs, is ſo much every Man's Concern, eſpecially of Men in  
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your Lordship's high Trust, that, I flatter myself, your Lordship will not be offended if a Person unknown to you, presumes in this Manner, to lay before you a very crying Abuse, and which seems to want Redress from the Legislature: 'Tis in Relation to the Gravesend Tilt Boats, one of which was cait away on Thursday's se'n-night last, and 14, and some say eighteen Persons were drowned, and many others saved only by swimming, and a Ship's Boat that came to their Assistance. Your Lordship may likewise have heard, that the like Accident happened towards the End of King William's Reign, when near 50 Persons perished; for those Boats will contain more than that Number. The chief Occasion of these Disasters, seems to be, that these Boats are under no Regulations, or observe none, as to the Largeness of their Sails, the Height of their Masts, and the Times and Winds, when it is safe to sail. But that which is the Foundation of all, is, that they are permitted to stay as long, as they please, after the Tide is turned at Gravesend and Billingsgate, which not only makes them often lose their Tide, and set Passengers short of their Journeys End, to their great Damage and Inconveniency, but puts them upon a Necessity in order to regain the lost Time, to sail with more and larger Sails than such Boats will safely carry, and in the Time of high, and sometimes contrary Winds. I therefore beg Leave to say, that besides other Remedies which your Lordship, in your great Wisdom will think of, it would be highly convenient, that those Boats, and the rest of the Gravesend Wherries, should be obliged to put off (as is the Practice in Holland) upon the ringing of a Bell, the Moment the Tide is turned: And in case of a contrary Wind, and what the Watermen call Nip Tides, something sooner, at the Discretion of the Deputy Alderman of Billingsgate, and the Mayor of Gravesend, respectively, or the Persons appointed by them to ring the said Bell. The Watermen would not then be tempted to hazard the Lives of their Passengers and their own, by carrying too much Sail, to regain their lost Time: nor have that Excuse for their Delays, that the Passengers are dilatory in coming to the Boat, as they now indeed are, on Account of the Uncertainty of the Time of going off, apprehending to be kept an Hour or two in the Boat, in waiting for others, as now often happens. All which is humbly submitted to your Lordship's Consideration, by which

Your Lordship's unknown, but most respectful, and most obedient Servant

London, Jan. 16. They write from the Hague, That upon the Representation of a certain Potentate, the States General had resolved to augment their Forces by 10000 Men; but that the same was like to meet with great Opposition from some of the Provinces.

The Lord Dumbarton, who hath been lately very ill, is on the mending Hand.

By Letters from Dublin, we are informed, That there has been a great Misunderstanding betwixt two Persons who are the chief in the Administration of Affairs there; which occasioned a Vote of the House of Lords of Ireland, approving the Conduct of one, which, we suppose, is a silent Way of censuring that of the other.

On Wednesday last, two military Gentlemen, having quarrelled, went towards Hyde-Park to decide the Matter at Sword and Pistol; but the Thing



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Thing was so well known over all the Coffee-houses in Town, that Soldiers were posted on the Place appointed, and the Combatants were put under Arrest.

*From the St. James's Evening Post, Jan, 18.*

*Hamburg, Jan. 14.* Letters from Mecklenburg advise, That on the 10th Instant a Gentleman of the Duke's Bedchamber arrived at Domitz, who brought News to the Governor, That his Highness would be there in a little Time, and after a short Stay, make a Tour to Vienna.

By the same Letters we are informed, that the Czar has augmented the Duke's Pension to 120000 Rubles, and that the latter has engaged himself to keep his Forces in Livonia and Courland always complete, and to the Czar's intire Disposition. The Duke's Brother, who continues his Residence at Graban, has received a Letter from his Highness at Dantzick, which chiefly runs upon the Inheritance of the deceased Princess his Mother, but mentions nothing about the present Situation of the Affairs of the Dutchy.

*Petersburg, Dec. 29.* New Gold and Silver Medals are struck, in order to be distributed at the Coronation amongst Persons of Distinction, and a lesser Sort of Coin has been made here, to be thrown amongst the Populace.

*Paris, Jan. 22.* On the 6th His Majesty signed the Declaration for settling the Household of the Duke of Orleans: He has no honourary Captain of the Guards, nor Chancellor of his Appanage, yet the Number of his Officers amount to 249, and they are to diet with those of the King's Household. The Duke of Bourbon has desired the King to excuse him from accepting the Salary of Prime Minister, and declared, that he aims at no other Reward than the Glory of employing his Mind in the Service of his King and Country.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 21.*

**B**Y the Holland Mail which arrived Yesterday we are advised from Warsaw, That the Russian Resident there received on the 6th Instant an Express from his Court, with an Account, that the Grand Seignior has declared War against the Czar, and has set up the Horse-tail at Constantinople; which was immediately intimate to the Primate and Republic, and next Day sent by Express to the King of Poland.

From Petersburg we learn, That the Czar designs now to act defensively in Persia, and to employ his greatest Force against the Turk. 'Tis said the Tartars have already committed great Ravages on the Frontiers of Russia.

On the 25th past the Swedish Envoy had an Audience of the Czar, to whom he presented a Letter from the King his Master, in which, 'tis said, his Swedish Majesty gives him the Title of Emperor of all Russia.

Notwithstanding what was wrote some Posts ago, That the Emperor had wrote to all the Roman Catholic Powers complain'd of by the Protestant Princes, to make forthwith the demanded Restitution. &c. yet the

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Advices by this Mail relate, That the Protestants, particularly in the Palatinate, are still more and more oppressed; and that several new Grievances are committed against them in the Territory of Veldens.

We have no News of the Opening of the Cambray Congress; but 'tis confirmed, that the Emperor's original Act of Investiture was brought thither the 17th Instant. 'Tis said the Ambassador of Portugal to the States General is preparing to set out for Cambray.

Yesterday a strange Turn was given to the public Stocks: S. S. Stock fell from 123 to 117, 1 half. Bank, from 129, 1 half, to 126. India, from 154 to 145. This is imputed to no other Cause, as we can learn, but to the Humour of the Jobbers, who having sold out their Stocks at a good Price, are now for depreciating them.

'Tis feared the Brazing of Bank-bills will prove of a bad Consequence, they being done with a sort of Liquid, as 'tis said, by which the first Impression of the Figures is so taken out, as it is something hard to detect the Cheat.

Since our last one William Smyth, a German, an Accomplice of the pretended Baron Losdel, was committed to Newgate; and the said Baron's Mistress or Wife, and his Interpreter are also seiz'd, and were Yesterday examined at the Bank: And this Day Dr. Tronquier, a French Gentleman, and one of the Directors of the Bank, went to Newgate to examine them all Face to Face. Mean-time all the 3 Bank bills of 25 £. each, which Mr. Willday the Toyman gave the pretended Baron, in Exchange for the 620 £. Bill mentioned in our last, were brought to the Bank last Saturday by Tradesmen, and 2 of them were erased, and made each 80 £. and the third, 100. And Yesterday another Bill was brought, which was altered from 20 to 180.

Yesterday the Commons, in a Committee on the Supply, resolved, That 10000 Men be allowed for the Sea Service for the Year ensuing, and this Day it was resolved and agreed to. Mr. Hungerford observed, it was a great Number to be kept up at a Time of a profound Peace. A Petition was read and referred, relating to the bringing in of fresh Water from Hertfordshire, to supply the new Buildings in Westminster.

'Tis talked that a Petition will be presented, for lodging in the Bank the Money touching the Law Suits in Chancery; and that none should practise as an Attorney but those as are sworn.

This Day the Lord Walpole took the Oaths and his Seat in the House of Peers, as did also the Duke of Leeds. Their Lordships read a Petition of the Dutchess of Marlborough, against the Order of the Barons of Exchequer, for allowing the Interest upon the Money due to the Workmen for Materials for building Blenheim-house.

Last Night died Mr. Lownds of the Treasury, aged 74; as did also on the 15th Instant, that learned and pious Divine Sir George Wheeler, one of the Prebendaries of the Cathedral Church of Durham: He dedicated a Book of his Travels to King Charles II. who Knighted him for it.

Exton Sayer, L. L. D. is shortly to be married to the only Daughter of the Bishop of Durham.

Edinburgh, Jan. 26. The Close of last Week died here Major Montre-for of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and was buried on Saturday last after the Military Manner.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

[†] That the Fiars of the Shire of Fife are to be struck by the Sheriff, in the Terms of and according to the Act of Sederunt.

[\*] The Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do hereby give Notice, That they have received a Letter without Name, dated at Perth the 8th Instant, relating to Frauds committed in that Revenue: And if the Person who wrote the said Letter will attend them, and make Proof of the Facts therein contained, he will have all fitting Encouragement and Protection.

By Order of the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty.

[†] That the Ship Margaret and Euphania of Leith, whereof Captain Charles Straiton, and afterwards Captain David Daes were Commanders, Burden 110 Tuns or thereby, now lying in the Harbour of Leith, with her whole Rigging, Apaveling & Furniture, in the Condition it is in at present, (to be examined by all such as have a mind to bid for the same, for their own Satisfaction) is to be expos'd to Sale by public Roup in the said High Court of Admiralty at Edinburgh, on Friday the Seventh Day of February next, 1724, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 3 Afternoon. The Inventory, qualified as aforesaid, and Conditions of Sale, to be seen at the Admiralty Chamber.

**S**TOLLEN or Stray'd out of the Stable of Mr. Joseph Coalpits in new Castle upon Tyne, in the Night-Time, between the 14th and 15th of January 1724, a che/nut Mare about fourteen Hands and a Half high, having a white Snip upon her Face, and having had a Wens or Wart cut off just above one of her Eyes, and having a few white hairs upon one of her Buttocks, near the Ridge, with a switch'd Tail, mott all, and is about 8 Years old; whoever brings the said Mare, or any Account thereof, so as to be restored back again to the said Joseph Coalpits in Newcastle, shall have two Guineas Reward, and reasonable Charges, to enquire at the Author of this Paper.

[†] Stollen or Strayed out of the Shielfield, within the Liberties of the Town of Newcastle upon Tyne, in the Night-time, between the 14 & 15 of January instant, 1724; a strong dark-grey Mare, about six Years old, wide-eard'd, about 14 Hands and an half high, having her far-hind-foot white, and her Mane and Tail long: Whoever brings the said Mare to the Author of this Paper, or to the Owner Joseph Wetherhead in Newcastle, shall have one Guinea Reward, and reasonable Charges.

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*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 23.*

**L**AST Night arrived one Holland Mail, but the Letters by it make no Mention of the Opening of the Cambray Congress.

From Leghorn 'tis wrote, that the Spaniards begin again to raise Recruits privately: And from Vienna, that the Emperor daily holds Councils upon the present Posture of Affairs.

The Czar persists in his Resolution to maintain his new Conquests in Persia, having already a Fund of ten Millions of Crowns in the Treasury to support the War against the Turks.

Yesterday a Report was given out by the Stockjobbers, as the grand Lie for the Day, That his Catholic Majesty would quit the Kingdom of Spain to his Son, and go and live retir'd in France, with a View of succeeding to that Crown upon the Demise of his Son-in-law: But this not gaining Credit, had no Influence on the Stocks. South Sea is 114, 1 half, exclusive of the Half-year's Dividend due at Christmas; which, at a general Court held Yesterday, was agreed upon to be 3 per Cent. the Transfer Books to be opened the 18th, and the Dividend Warrants to be delivered and pay'd the 20th of February next. And it was resolved, to advance 10000 L. for building a new S. S. House, during which Time the Business of the Company will be transacted at Gresham College, and the Crown Coffee-house behind the Royal Exchange.

'Tis expected, that in one or two general Courts more, it will be declared how the Effects of the late South Sea Directors will be disposed of, concerning which various Opinions are given; but according to the Act of Parliament, the said Effects are to be equally divided amongst the Proprietors.

We hear the Spanish Ambassador is highly incensed at the Report above mentioned, which was buzz'd about last Tuesday, and that it occasioned the falling of the Stocks 5 or 6 per Cent. that Day.

The Lord Bishop of Salisbury, and the Right Honourable the Lord North and Gray took the Oaths in the House of Peers; who, after reading some more Petitions of Appeal, adjourned to Monday.

Yesterday the Commons, in a Grand Committee on the Supply, came to the following Resolutions, viz.

That the Number of effective Men to be provided for Guards and Garrisons in Great Britain, for the Year 1724 (including 1315 Invalids) be 18264. Commission and Non-commission Officers included: And that 655668 L. be granted for defraying the Charge of the said Forces; likewise 151167 L. for maintaining the Forces in the Plantations, Minorca, and Gibraltar; and 12000 L. for Out-pensioners of Chelsea Hospital for the Year 1724.

There were several Hours Debate in the Grand Committee, upon the first Resolution, Whether the present Number of Land Forces should be continued for another Year, and upon the Question put, the Committee divided, and carried it, Yeas 240, Noes 100.

This Day the Commons agreed to the above Resolutions, and resolved to address the King, for an Estimate to be laid before them of the Charge of repairing his Majesty's Ships of War and Docks, and to consider of Ways and Means to Morrow.

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Read a Petition of VValter Bogenal, Esq; complaining of an undue Election for Southwark, and referred to the Committee of Elections.  
 'Tis said a Scheme is on Foot by a great Man, for reducing the National Interest to 4 *per Cent.* which will probably tend to the Advantage of the publick Stocks, but not much contribute to the Benefit of Trade.

John Morton Pir, Esq; is re-chosen Member of Parliament for Old Sarum, and Abraham Elten, Esq; Son of Sir David Elten of Bristol, is elected for Taunton Dean, in Room of John Trenchard, Esq;

Last VVednesday died at the Bath Edmond Keen Esq; one of the S. Sea Directors. VVe hear a Marriage is on Foot between John Middleton Esq; Brother to Robert Middleton of Church castle in Derby Shire, and the only Daughter of Mrs. Liddel in Bedford Shire, a young Lady of a considerable Fortune.

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**T**HERE is just now come home from several Places abroad, a choice Parcel of new Fresh Garden Seeds, and Garden-Tools; to be sold by Arthur Clephan Merchant in Edinburgh, a little above the Main-Guard, at the Ship-Clo's Head. Where is also the famous Eye-Water, which cures all Diseases of the Eyes; such as Pins, Webs, Mists, Pearls, and carries off all Inflammation and Pains of the Eyes, doth cool and repel those sharp Rheums which fall upon the Eyes, and that by dropping three or four Drops into your Eyes, Evening and Morning: Price twelve Shil. Scots per Bottle. As likewise the Elixir Amara, Stomachica, and Antiscorbutica, or, a pleasant Stomachic-bitter, of a very fine Flavour, without any druggish Smell or Taste: Price eight Shillings Scots per Bottle; and is the best, if not preferable to the best Bitters, that have yet appeared in the World: With printed Directions for the Use of both. To be sold at the above Shop, where Catalogues of the Seeds and Too's may be had.

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